

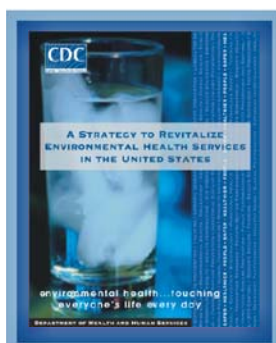


National Center for Environmental Health Division of Emergency and Environmental Health Services

Division Overview

The primary goal of CDC's National Center for Environmental Health, Division of Emergency and Environmental Health Services (EEHS) is to provide national leadership in the development of environmental and emergency public health policy and prevention programs to improve public health practice nationwide. EEHS provides consultation and technical and resource assistance, including training, to state and local health departments and to other agencies at the federal, state, local, and international levels. The division also responds to national and international emergency and recovery assistance situations, especially after natural or technologic disasters, and provides technical support for public health activities during emergencies such as famines, disasters, and civil strife.

EEHS is divided into five major areas of responsibility:

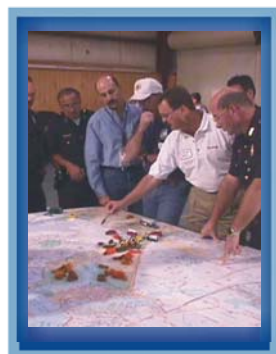


Environmental Health Services Branch: Provides technical assistance and scientific guidance to state, local, tribal, and other government agencies engaged in environmental health service programs; participates in disease outbreak investigations and identifies environmental antecedents contributing to outbreaks; and supports, through training and technical assistance, those environmental disciplines that have technology or information gaps in areas such as food safety and water and sanitation issues.

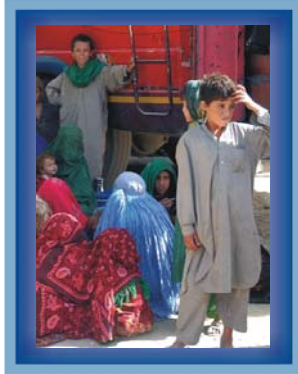


Environmental Public Health Readiness Branch: Assists state and local health departments in their emergency preparedness and response efforts to ensure public health readiness.

Chemical Weapons Elimination: Ensures that the health and safety of workers and the general population are protected during the handling and destruction of the nation's chemical weapons. Reviews all chemical weapons elimination plans and works closely with DOD throughout the disposal process. Evaluates the on-site medical response capabilities to ensure that responders are prepared for any related emergencies.



Emergency Preparedness: Provides guidance to state and local public health agencies to help them respond to public health emergencies. Integrates epidemiologic and scientific principles into public health guidance for emergency preparedness operations. Identifies and shares best practices from academic training and field operations for all-hazards preparedness and response.



International Emergency and Refugee Health Branch:

Coordinates CDC's response to complex humanitarian emergencies; provides technical assistance to other federal agencies, the United Nations, and other organizations in areas related to the health of refugee populations; applies epidemiologic and public health principles to the study of complex emergencies; works closely with international partners to identify the number and nature of landmine-related injuries and deaths; provides technical assistance and training in public health emergency planning; and conducts training for constituents at CDC, educational institutions, and international organizations.



Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch: Leads national lead poisoning prevention efforts, with emphasis on childhood lead poisoning; by working with other federal agencies to develop an integrated national childhood lead poisoning prevention program. Provides assistance to federal agencies, state and community health agencies, and others in developing and evaluating childhood lead poisoning prevention programs. Maintains a system for the collection and dissemination of data on lead poisoning, and conducts and evaluates epidemiologic research on childhood lead poisoning.



Vessel Sanitation Program: Protects passenger and crew health by developing and implementing comprehensive sanitation programs to minimize the risk for gastrointestinal illnesses aboard cruise ships, inspects vessels to ensure compliance with the *Vessel Sanitation Operations Manual 2000*, collects and monitors reports of gastrointestinal illness on board passenger vessels to estimate illness among passengers and detect outbreaks, and provides technical assistance to international public health officials on public health issues related to vessel sanitation.

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